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FILE: San Francisco file 100-37394
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-

DATE: 8/12/53

FROM : [REDACTED] SA 7C

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC.
IS (C)[REDACTED]
furnished the following information.

[REDACTED] received in the mail the two attached leaflets from the MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC., PO Box 851, Oakland 4. It is noted the leaflets describe this organization as one which seeks equal rights and recognition for the 150,000 homosexuals in the SF Bay Area.

[REDACTED] did not know how she came to receive this in the mail, but she said she knew a homosexual named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He never expressed any pro-Russian or Communist sympathies, to her knowledge.

[REDACTED] suspected the Mattachine Foundation may be a fertile field for Communist activity, but she had no specific indications of such.

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AIMS & PRINCIPLES:

MATTACHINE FOUNDATION

EDUCATION

1. Education of the general public so as to give them a better understanding concerning homosexuality and sex variation, so that all persons may be accepted as individuals for their own worth and not blindly condemned for their emotional make-up; to correct general misconceptions, bigotries, and prejudices resulting from lack of accurate information regarding sex variants.
2. Education of the homosexuals themselves so that they may better understand not only the causes and conditions of homosexuality, but formulate an adjustment and pattern of behavior that is acceptable to society in general and compatible with recognized institutions of moral and civilized society with respect for the sanctity of home, church and state.

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INTERGRATION

1. Since homosexuals desire acceptance in society, it behooves them to assume community responsibility. They should, as individuals, actively affiliate with community endeavors, such as civic and welfare organizations, religious activities, and citizenship responsibilities, instead of attempting to withdraw into an invert society of their own. For only as they make positive contributions to the general welfare can they expect acceptance and full assimilation into the communities in which they live.
2. The long-term aim is not only to support well-adjusted homosexuals with full integration into society, but to give special aid to mal-adjusted homosexuals for their own welfare as well as that of the community.

SOCIAL ACTION:

1. To secure the active cooperation and support of existing institutions such as psychology departments of universities, state and city welfare groups, mental hygiene departments, and law-enforcement agencies in pursuing the programs of education and integrations
2. To contact legislators regarding both existing discriminatory statutes and proposed revisions and additions to the criminal code in keeping with the findings of leading psychiatrists and scientific research organizations, so that laws may be promulgated with respect to a realistic attitude toward the behavior of human beings.
3. To eliminate widespread discrimination in the fields of employment, in the professions and in society, as well as to attain personal social acceptance among the respectable members of any community.
4. To dispel the idea that the sex variant is unique, "queer" or unusual but is instead a human being with the same capacities of feeling, thinking and accomplishment as any other human being.

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422 Federal Office Building

San Francisco, California

October 8, 1953

District Intelligence Officer
12th Naval District
Rincon Annex, P.O. Box 3433
San Francisco, California

RE: MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, aka.
Mattachine Society
IS-C

Dear Sir:

7C Attached please find one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 14, 1953 at San Francisco, entitled as above. Copies of this report are being sent to you in view of your possible interest, in that an unknown man under your jurisdiction was reported in attendance at a meeting of the Mattachine Foundation on May 27, 1953 as set forth in referenced report.

The above information is being submitted for your confidential information only and is not to be distributed outside your department.

Very truly yours,

WAS

WILLIAM M. WHELAN
Special Agent in Charge

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12th U. S. Coast Guard District
630 Sansome Street
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TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 10/7/53

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE FOUNDATION
IS (C)

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7D [REDACTED] on 10/6/53 furnished a copy of the magazine "One" dated September 1953, and published by subject organization. This contains an article entitled "Are Homosexuals Reds?"; it is being included for the exhibit envelope as a matter of information.

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TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 1/6/54

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE FOUNDATION
IS (C)

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[REDACTED] on 1/6/54 furnished the schedule of events for January 1954 for the captioned organization in the East Bay. It is over the name of JERRY [REDACTED], Chairman, East Bay Area Council. The original is being exhibited for informati

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TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 5/12/54

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY
IS (C)

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[REDACTED] furnished the following items of literature put out by subject organization and mailed to her and retained in the exhibit envelope:

1. San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter dated 4/15/54
2. San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter dated 3/20/54
3. The Mattachine Society Today - general information, history of the society, organizational structure, aims and principles, legislative policy, other policies, constitution, by-laws, directory.

This literature is all mimeographed and contains the following items of potential interest at this time:

The SF area has 36 members.

A general convention is planned for May 15 and 16 at the Friends Center, San Francisco, starting at 1 PM. each day.

The mailing addresses in the SF Bay area are:

PO Box 259, San Francisco 1

PO Box 851, Oakland 4.

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Dear Sir-

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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From what is gathered the U.S. Govern-
ment should keep tab on the "Mattachine
Society" 1830 Butter Street San Francisco.

[REDACTED]

It is an organization that the
Commie element could very easily be
introduced as it gets in a bunch of
liberal radicals.

[REDACTED]

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San Francisco MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER

Re: *anyone
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of it?*

San Francisco, June 25, 1954

Published by the Beta Chapter No. 111
Mattachine Society, Incorporated

MORALS SITUATION DRAWS ATTENTION OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE, PRESS

San Francisco police focused their attention upon what they called an "unwholesome and offensive condition" late June 26, according to the San Francisco Examiner edition of Sunday, June 27.

With police and district attorney's offices acting in full cooperation, the sex detail of vice squad and uniformed officers swept through parks, public rest rooms, and places where homosexuals were known to gather. Ten persons were arrested and charged with morals offenses. Many others, stated the newspaper, were questioned. Warnings were given that authorities in San Francisco have no intention of letting the city become a retreat for sex deviates.

Police Chief Michael Gaffey and District Attorney Thomas C. Lynch issued statements that the drive will continue, until the intolerable situation has been removed.

The drive began in early evening hours and continued into early Sunday morning. Visited by police were Union Square, Lafayette and Huntington parks, lower Market street, the Marina, several bars and

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GAMMA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN HOPES TO REVIVE BREAKFAST EVENTS

The police drive for reviving the twice-monthly breakfasts for members and friends of the Society was voiced recently by the Gamma chapter chairman.

This chapter will be in charge of the events.

No breakfast can be held until about the middle of July,

but a notice of the affair will be mailed when a definite date is known.

FIRST EDITION OF SOCIETY MAGAZINE EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS

Plans are going ahead for the preparation of the initial issue of the Society's magazine, to be issued later this year.

Material for the issue is being collected and written, and the publications department is also investigating production facilities. A program to raise the funds required to publish the first two issues is under study by the Board of Directors at Los Angeles.

The magazine will be named "M S"--unless some more appropriate title is selected.

It is planned to issue 3000 copies of the first two issues to a large and select group of subscriber prospects, and the publication should be on a paid subscription basis with the third issue. As reported at the May convention, the magazine will come out six times a year, instead of monthly.

Throughout the Society, members and friends are urged immediately to aid the planning for the magazine and its two initial issues. Manuscripts and such material are needed. In addition, everyone is requested to aid in raising funds, as future announcements will outline.

TELEVISION PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHED MUCH FOR SOCIETY MOVEMENT

Important and lasting benefits were the result of the television broadcast on May 2 over KTTV, Los Angeles, in which a major portion of the time was devoted to the Society, says the chairman.

Sponsored and prepared by Paul V. Coates of the Los Angeles Mirror, the program told the serious aims of the Society and in general how they were to be accomplished, many questions, true enough,

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Offenses noted included lewd and indecent conduct in public.

The Examiner noted that the police department reported that 14.7% of the murders committed in San Francisco since 1950 have been connected directly with homosexuality. Shakedowns and homosexuality are also inseparable, police say.

"Another consideration behind the move was the constant threat to the youth of the city," stated the Examiner. "It is the habit of many deviates to hang around schools, parks and playgrounds and other places where children gather...ever present is the right of the normal citizen to be protected from such persons."

(See "The Mattachine Program" on page 4 of this newsletter.)

MAY CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO CALLED SUCCESSFUL BY DELEGATES

The 1st annual convention of the Mattachine Society, held at San Francisco in May, concluded with many organizational problems solved, policies adopted, projects planned, and officers elected for a new 12-month period.

A pledge was adopted for members. Several changes to constitution and by-laws were adopted. The plan for a Society magazine was announced, and previous information and orientation material was adopted as official with minor revisions.

Newly-established areas in Chicago, San Diego and Long Beach were approved.

Meetings were held May 15-16 at the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco.

No city was chosen for the 1955 convention, but it is probable that it will be held in either San Francisco or Los Angeles. The six-month meeting plan was terminated in favor of one single annual convention in the future.

SEND IN ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for copy for the next issue of the Newsletter is July 10. Send in any items of chapter activities before that date to Newsletter, P. O. Box 259, S.F. 1.

TELEVISION PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHED MUCH FOR MATTACHINE MOVEMENT AT LOS ANGELES

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were not answered, and the entire script was given prior approval by the P-TA at Los Angeles. But in the main, viewers learned that here is an organization on almost a par with medical and law enforcement agencies which recognizes that a solution to a community problem is imperative. And that solution must be equitable and just.

Scenes from a Los Angeles discussion group were shown. One member of the Society, the secretary, appeared on the show for a live interview with Coates. Also on the program were the head of the administrative vice squad of the Los Angeles police department and others.

Contrary to rumor heard in the San Francisco area immediately following the broadcast, no stand by the Society was taken or implied as regards the operation of businesses such as public bars. It has been a habitual Society policy in the past to make no statement regarding such private business operations, because they are outside the scope of the Society as defined by its aims and principles.

One magazine was also described and shown on the program. In the beginning, it was said that Coates had hoped to find material about the Society to present it in a critical--even derogatory--manner. But his investigation of our published information leaflets, regulation, aims and principles revealed no such material which he could interpret except that the organization was bona fide and proper, its objectives worthwhile and its methods legal and fair.

LECTURE BY DR. KINSEY TO BE HELD JULY 1 AT NOURSE AUDITORIUM

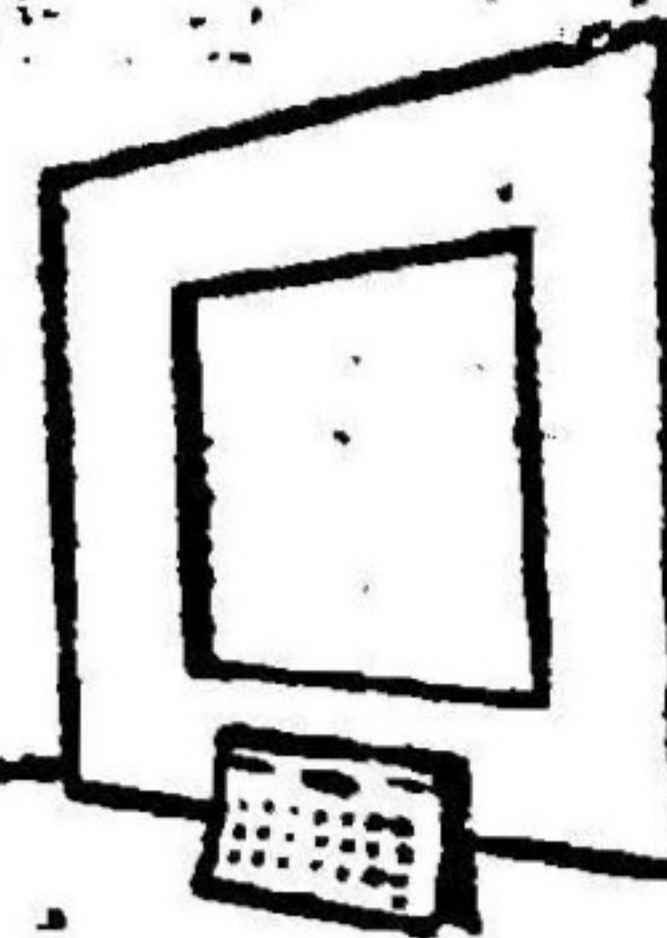
A lecture by Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, of the Sexual Research Institute, will be presented on the evening of Thursday, July 1, at San Francisco's Nourse Auditorium--which is near Civic Center.

The lecture is being sponsored by a student organization from San Francisco City College.

Topic of the lecture was not given, but it is presumed that Kinsey will discuss facts relating to his study of sex laws.

CALENDAR

of events



JUNE

- 27 - Beta Chapter Meeting, San Francisco
- 30 - San Francisco Area Council Meeting, Oakland

JULY

- 3 - Discussion Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St.
- 7 - Board of Directors, San Francisco Area, San Francisco
- 14 - Oakland-Berkeley Chapter Meeting, Oakland
- 15 - Chapter Business Meeting, San Francisco chapters, 1830 Sutter St.
- 28 - San Francisco Area Council Meeting, Oakland

AUGUST

- 5 - Discussion Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St.
- 11 - Oakland-Berkeley Chapter Meeting, Oakland
- 19 - Chapter Business Meeting, San Francisco Chapters, 1830 Sutter St.
- 25 - San Francisco Area Council Meeting, San Francisco

NOTES: Additional chapter meetings not listed will be held--Contact your chapter chairman. Dates for meetings of Area Council and Board of Directors are subject to change. Special meetings of chapters and other official groups are subject to call if conditions warrant.

Special Notice to Newsletter Readers:

Note: All newsletters are habitually mailed in sealed, plain envelope

SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

This is the last issue of the San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter which will be mailed as in the past. Future monthly issues will be mailed without cost to the following: Society members, professional people such as doctors, lawyers, sociologists, etc., public officials, public agencies with whom the Society is cooperating, and the like. In other words, a select group of readers interested in the research and educational program of the Society will receive the newsletter.

Individuals not included in the above categories who wish to continue receiving the newsletter may do so. However, in order to aid in solving financial problems associated with production and mailing of the publication, a subscription price of \$1.00 per year will be charged.

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THE MATTACHINE PROGRAM

Recent events and public relations contacts made by the Society warrant the placing of emphasis upon exactly what the Mattachine Society stands for and why.

There's nothing secret about the organization. It is neither subversive nor illegal. The Society is composed of a small group of persons interested in helping to solve the problem of the sex variant. These persons, who are not necessarily variants themselves, are interested in doing research, education and conducting social action for the benefit of the variant minority and in turn, for the benefit of society as a whole.

Here are the activities now being undertaken to advance this program:

1. Public discussion groups, lectures, forums, educational film programs, etc., on the sex variation problem.

2. Sponsorship of research projects in cooperation with established research experts, scientists, foundations and institution.

3. The Society is stressing the need for every individual to define and adopt a personal behavior code, which if done will eliminate barriers of acceptance and integration into society as a whole; further, the Society advocates that integration must be approached with a view to erasing trends for variants to establish invert societies of their own.

4. In its social action program, the Society hopes to aid in the revision of statutes which regulate human behavior with a view to strongly supporting enforcement of laws which forbid (a) indecent and lewd activities in public; (b) sex activities between adults and minors, especially small children, and (c) use of force or violence between any individuals whatsoever. This program is to be accomplished along lines of cooperation with law enforcement agencies, officials, social welfare agencies and other organizations and individuals concerned with such problems.

5. The Society hopes to dispel false ideas about the sex variant in order to eliminate discrimination, derision, prejudice and denial of civil rights. This is to be done by the dissemination of accurate information about human behavior.

6. It hopes to instill in the minority itself a desire to assume full responsibilities of citizenship and proper behavior.

* 7. It hopes to provide legal aid where appropriate to insure all persons full rights to equal justice under the law, especially as related to sex offenses. In this connection, the Society hopes to lend its aid in exposing cases of extortion to proper authorities.

8. The Society finally hopes to eventually provide group therapy programs and professional psychiatric assistance to aid the rehabilitation and adjustment of variants and others with problems of emotional instability. This is to be done with a view to reducing the high incidence of sex variation in future generations, and removing from criminal definition those activities which, in the minds of experts, actually cause no harm to our social order.

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From its "Aims and Principles," the Society has emphasized the method and attitude to be used in accomplishing the above program. In general, it is determined to accomplish this program in a law-abiding manner, since the organization is definitely not seeking to destroy any of society's existing institutions, laws or mores. Instead the Society aims to aid the assimilation of variants as constructive, valuable and responsible citizens. Standard and accepted democratic processes are to be relied upon as the technique for accomplishing this program.

The Mattachine Society advocates no illegal activities whatever. It is opposed to indecent public behavior, and particularly excoriates those who would contribute to the delinquency of minors and those who attempt to use force or violence upon any other persons. Although the organization is non-sectarian and non-political, it is unalterably opposed to Communism, and will not tolerate the use of its name or organization by or for any Communist group or front for any purpose whatever.

of its members are fundamental to Political action taken in the Los Angeles area.

SEX OFFENDER STUDY AT LOS ANGELES

A psychological survey of a group of sex offenders conducted by James Marsh, instructor in the department of psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, indicates that, contrary to general belief, the typical sex offender is not a violent maniac but a shy, religiously inclined individual.

The survey, which was made at the Metropolitan State Hospital at Norwalk, Calif., showed that sex offenders, in comparison to a group of students, tend to shy away from group activities and dislike parties. Many are unusually fearful of lightning and earthquakes and are apprehensive in the dark.

In general, they have a strong moral sense and pray frequently. They dislike obscene stories and burlesk shows. They do not believe in women smoking and think "drinking" is wrong, although most have used alcohol excessively.

The key to their difficulties seems to lie in unfortunate family relationships, with childhoods marked by broken homes or consistent family discord. Many have never married and a majority of those who did marry have had extreme marital difficulties.--Bulletin, University of California at Los Angeles.

(Note: In another extensive series of tests, the Mattachine Society, Inc., has cooperated with Dr. Marsh and his staff. The tests were begun in the fall of 1953, and no findings have been released.)

X DETROIT CHAPTER CHARTERED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A new chapter of the Society has been chartered at Detroit, Mich. The chapter name chosen by the group there is Atrax, and its number is 119.

VISIT TO SAN DIEGO MADE BY BOARD MEMBERS

Several members of the Board of Directors of the Society were scheduled to visit members of the Key Chapter at San Diego on June 25. Purpose of the visit was to aid the chapter in solving organizational problems and to institute a program of activities for the members.

MAGAZINE BEHIND SCHEDULE--NO MAY ISSUE YET

One Magazine, published by One, Inc., and having no connection with the Society, has still to issue its May number. June also not forthcoming as yet. There is a possibility of the publication issuing two editions simultaneously, each in a reduced number of pages, in order to "catch up" with the calendar, since July is also upon its staff. The magazine, which at the beginning of the year criticized the Society bitterly for a "do nothing" attitude, has offered no explanation to its subscribers for the delays. The April issue, which came out in mid-May, featured an attack on "Dr." Arthur Guy Matthews, a writer for MacFadden Publications, who often had attacked homosexuals in articles. One's article showed that the writer had no medical degree. The magazine advocates a program similar to that of the Society, but the area of difference between One and the Society lies in the matter of method. The magazine chooses to be activist and militant, while the Society has adopted policies of aiding research, cooperating with various public agencies, and attempting to educate members of the variant minority and the public alike on true aspects of sex variation and human behavior.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTACTS ADVANCING IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA

Recent public relations contacts in the San Francisco area have included an interview by staff members of a San Francisco newspaper, and a contact with a Bay area radio station. However, there is no further definite announcement of plans for any articles or broadcasts about the Society at this time. Reports of the contacts have been submitted to the Public Relations Director at Long Beach.

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"ONE", THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC., 232 S. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES 12, CALIF. RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS).

The Bureau has requested an immediate up-to-date investigation of the above magazine, setting a deadline at the Bureau of 3/5/56. Reference is made to the publication "One" in the report of SA [REDACTED] 7/14/53, SF, in the case entitled "MATTACHINE FOUNDATION. IS-C."

Please immediately review the records of the Commissioner of Corporations at Sacramento, Calif. (or other appropriate divisions) to develop all info concerning One, Inc. since its incorporation. The County Clerk's Office, LA, reflects that Articles of Incorporation of One, Inc., No. 274789, were filed 5/7/53. It was described as a non-profit organization having as its primary purpose the publication of a magazine dealing with homosexuality. The Bureau is particularly interested in knowing the manner in which One, Inc. is financed and whether or not it is properly registered to do business in Calif. Your investigation should list the identities of all present and past individuals connected with the organization as well as all other pertinent info contained in the records. The Bureau is also specifically interested in determining the identity of one DAVID L. FREEMAN whose name appears in the byline of an article in the Nov., 1955 issue of "One" under the caption, "How Much Do We Know About the Homosexual Male." Any informants your office may have who would be helpful in this investigation should be contacted concerning FREEMAN as well as the magazine itself.

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FROM : [REDACTED] SA

Period: 2/28,29/56

SUBJECT: "ONE", Inc.
Research (Crime Records)

Reairtel from LA, 2/21/56.

7C [REDACTED] Office of the Secretary of State, State of California, Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, made available to SA [REDACTED] the file maintained in his office with respect to the organization known as "One, Incorporated." The file consists of Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State on May 27, 1953; a form which is a notarization of the Articles; and, a letter dated February 24, 1953, from the (State) Franchise Tax Board to LEAH M. [REDACTED], Attorneys at Law, 6425 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28, California, denying a claim on behalf of One Inc. for tax exemption. (Aside from notation that the Articles of Incorporation were signed by MARTIN [REDACTED], DALE [REDACTED], and TONY [REDACTED] as first directors of the ~~xxx~~ corporation, no mention is being otherwise made herein regarding above documents since all were photostated and are submitted herewith.

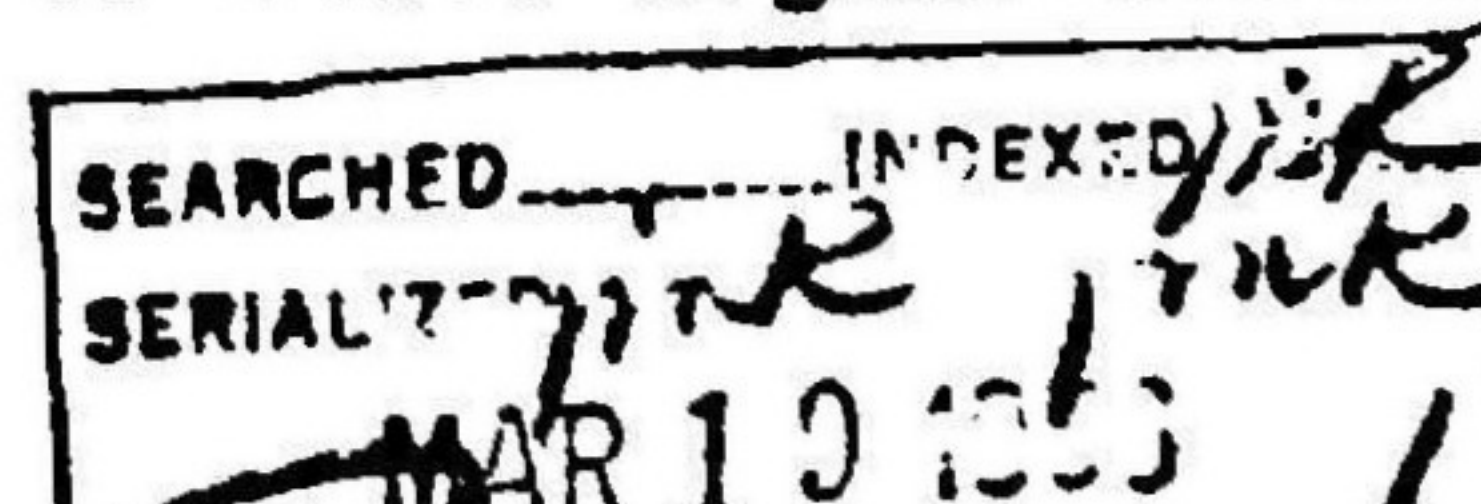
[REDACTED] also made available the file maintained in his office with respect to THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, Inc. Articles of Incorporation for this organization were filed on March 23, 1954. This document listed the following directors, whose signatures are attached to the document:

RAY [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California
 [REDACTED] Los Angeles, Calif.
 JOHN [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California
 JIM [REDACTED] Long Beach, California
 HEROLD [REDACTED] San Francisco, California.

This document is also notarized. The file, in addition, contains a letter from the Franchise Tax Board, dated March 22, 1954, to The MATTACHINE SOCIETY, Inc., c/o HERBERT S. [REDACTED], Atty., 9118 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California, advising that the organization had been adjudged exempt from State franchise tax. Photostatic copies of these documents are submitted herewith and no other detail is being set forth herein.

[REDACTED] Division of Corporations, California State Dept. of Investments, State Bldg. No. 1, Sacramento, advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/20/56 that that office has no information concerning the organization known as One, Inc. She stated that a record is maintained only of those organizations qualified to issue stock.

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[redacted] Franchise Tax Division, Franchise Tax Board, 1020 N Street, Sacramento, advised SA [redacted] on 2/28/56 that the file maintained in his office with respect to the organization known as "One", Inc., reflects that application for Franchise tax exemption was filed on 2/18/53, stating that the organization intended to publish a magazine dealing with homosexuals from "a scientific, ~~historical~~ historical, and critical point of view in an attempt to aid in the social integration and rehabilitation of the sexual variant." The application was signed by DALE [redacted]. It was denied on the grounds that it was a fictional and not an educational magazine. A second application for exemption was filed on 12/30/54 which was, according to [redacted] a duplication of the previous request and this was also denied.

[redacted] advised that a tax and penalty was assessed after the denial and the organization was suspended as a bona fide organization on 1/3/55 when the tax and penalty was not promptly paid. The organization filed a Revivor Application on 2/21/55 and paid the accrued liability at the same time; the corporation was thereupon reestablished as of 2/21/55. [redacted] stated that it now pays the assessment ~~it~~ levied and is in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board. With respect to the assessment, he stated that it is an arbitrary assessment for minimum tax and penalties since no profit is shown.

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[redacted] California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, advised SA [redacted] that that Bureau has conducted no active investigation of either "One", Inc., or The MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, Inc., but has actually accumulated several items of information regarding both groups. He stated that it appears the groups are integrated, with a common purpose. He exhibited copies of the magazine known as "One" and it was noted that his agency is in possession of the issues for December, 1954; January, March, April, and June, 1955. In the April, 1955, issue, at page 45, is listed the address of the publication known as MATTACHINE REVIEW. The publication, which was first issued in January, 1955, has the address of PO Box 259, San Francisco 1, California.

[redacted] advised that a representative of his agency made inquiry which disclosed that PO Box 259, San Francisco, is listed to The MATTACHINE SOCIETY [redacted]

an addition
Reairtel reflects a desire to identify DAVID [redacted] whose name appears in the byline of an article appearing in the November, 1955, issue of "One". [redacted] was unable to identify this individual in files of CII but

called attention to an individual possibly identical who has a record of arrests without connection to homosexual tendencies but who ~~maxima~~ has resided in the Los Angeles area.

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Submitted herewith as being of interest are photostatic copies of a circular contained in the CII file entitled, "MATTACHINE" -- What's It All About?", a thirteen page document, and a two-page "Request For Information" published by The MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, Inc.

Recommendation: The names listed herein should be reviewed through office indices for more complete identification. This suggestion is not being set forth as a lead since the matter has been discussed with the Agent to whom this case is assigned and the matter is in the process of being handled.

FORWARD PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO THE BUREAU; consider submitting other items submitted herewith if considered appropriate.

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Attached hereto are the Identification Records for the following individuals [REDACTED]

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With reference to the above identification records, they were recently furnished to SA [REDACTED] (by mail) by [REDACTED] Bureau of Identification and Investigation, Division of Criminal Law and Enforcement, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of California, Sacramento 9, California.

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TO : SAC (100-37394)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] (S-2) 7C

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE
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[REDACTED] furnished the writer with the February, 1956 issue of the "Mattachine Newsletter", published by the San Francisco Area Council, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco.

The aforementioned "Newsletter" is attached hereto for inclusion as an exhibit in this file for possible future reference. *see 1A(9)*

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TO : SAC, SF (100-37394)

DATE: May 21, 1956

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC., IS-X

[REDACTED] furnished the writer with a photostat copy of a program of captioned organization reflecting that they were holding a three-day convention at the Hotel Bellevue, San Francisco, beginning Friday, May 11, 1956. The following individuals were listed as officers and speakers at this convention:

MEL [REDACTED] Registration Chairman
 KEN [REDACTED] Chairman, Presiding Board of Directors
 BASIL [REDACTED] Research Director Program Chairman
 DON [REDACTED] Representative of One, Inc., Los Angeles
 (Speaker on the Homophilic Press)
 KEN [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, San Francisco.
 (Speaker on law pertaining to Homophilic problem).
 MRS. RHODA [REDACTED] Golden Gate Nursery School
 (Speaker on "Conditioning of pre-school children".)
 DR. DANIEL [REDACTED] Superintendent and Medical Director,
 Mendocino State Hospital, Mendocino, California.
 ROBERT [REDACTED] Counsellor, San Quentin Prison, San Quentin,
 California.
 HERBERT [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, Los Angeles, California
 (Speaker on the Homosexual and the law).
 DR. R. S. [REDACTED] Superintendent and Medical Director,
 Atascadero State Hospital, Atascadero, California.
 JAMES [REDACTED] Social Chairman, Hal Call, Publications
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The photostat copies of the Convention Program on captioned organization are being placed in the 1A serial of this file.

RECOMMENDATION: Route to SA [REDACTED]

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394)

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
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(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated August 23, 1956, cc: New York, et al.

[REDACTED] on October 24, 1956, furnished the originals of the following items:

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed there was no chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, but hoped one would be formed soon. Chairman of the New York Area Council was identified as SAM MORFORD.

2. August-September 1954 issue of "Mattachine Newsletter," published by the New York Area Council, Mattachine Society, Inc.

Photostats of the two above-described items are being furnished to you for completion of your file on captioned organization.

A photostat of the above-described items is maintained in 100-37394 Sub. A.

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SA [REDACTED]

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

[REDACTED] furnished the following information concerning the Mattachine Organization.

The informant advised that information received from various members of the Mattachine Organization is as follows:

They are going to move the headquarters to San Francisco and that they will expand activities of the male and female queer sections, because of their sanctuary here in San Francisco as a bohemian city. They had announced that as of 2/1/57, two additional offices have been added to their office facilities at 693 Mission Street, the Williams Building, which gave them four or more rooms. The room numbers are 307, 308, 309 and 312.

The informant stated that the daughters of the Bilitis, which is a companion organization of the Mattachine Organization, will also operate on a more definite status [REDACTED]

The informant advised the following notice appeared in the bulletin of the Mattachine Organization: "During February permanent files of the Board of Directors are to be moved to San Francisco from Los Angeles. Early in the month new bank accounts for the Board are also to be established in San Francisco."

The informant advised he would continue to be on the alert for any information concerning the activities of this organization [REDACTED]

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**MATTACHINE SOCIETY
TO HEAR PUBLISHER**

Carlton B. Goodlett, M.D., publisher of The Sun-Reporter, will speak on "Homosexuality and the Minority Groups" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at San Francisco Area Council the Mattachine Society, Inc., meeting at the American Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street.

Dr. Goodlett, who is also a consultant psychologist, said his discussion will not concern racial minorities.

The Mattachine Society, Inc., officials said, is a non-profit, educational, research and social service organization founded for the purpose of studying and seeking solutions to the personal and social problems of those of bisexual or homosexual orientation.

Further information can be obtained at 693 Mission Street, Rm. 309, or phone EXbrook 7-0773.

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Wolden Sued for Slander

Assessor Russell Wolden was slapped with a \$1,103,500 slander suit yesterday by the Mattachine Society, which said he called it an organization of "sex deviates."

The Society, whose local headquarters are at 693 Mission street, said it was mentioned on radio and in the press by Wolden during one of his campaign speeches.

The suit said Wolden "wrongfully and maliciously . . . declared (the Society) was organized homosexuals . . . and exposed teen-agers to contact with homosexuals."

Wolden's remarks were made Wednesday in a radio attack on Mayor George Christopher, his opponent in the race for Mayor.

The complaint maintains the society is an educational, research and social service organization devoted to publicizing the problems of homosexuality and to helping individuals "with this tremendous social problem."

Meetings are held and literature distributed among the 9 San Francisco members who meet once a month.

Citizens' Group Snubs Advisers, Backs Wolden

The Citizens' Political Advisory Board, rejecting the recommendation of its Board of Directors, endorsed Assessor Russell L. Wolden for Mayor last night.

Wolden received 193 votes to 143 for Mayor George Christopher, according to President Allen Spivock.

The non-partisan organization overruled a recommendation by its Board of Directors that Christopher be supported.

The group voted for six incumbent San Francisco Supervisors and all three local bond issues.

who filed the suit in Superior Court called Wolden's alleged words "disgusting." He said the Society wants \$1 million in exemplary damages, \$100,000 in general damages and \$3500 for loss of income in dues and donations which will result.

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Aide Charged With Faking Material

By ED MONTGOMERY

William Brandhove, sometime police informer, merchant seaman and lesser political light, was identified yesterday as the key man in setting up a smear campaign by the forces of Assessor Russell L. Wolden against Mayor George Christopher.

Brandhove, it developed, was responsible for a resolution adopted last month in Denver by the Mattachine Society, described by one of its officials as an "educational, research and social service organization" which has as one of its aims that of helping the public "gain understanding of the problems of homosexuals and to help individuals with this tremendous social problem."

Lauds 'Attitude'

The resolution commended Christopher and Police Chief Thomas Cahill and praised San Francisco for its "enlightened attitude."

Wolden's forces used it as the basis for a claim that "San Francisco has become the national headquarters of organized sex deviates in the United States," and that it has done so "under the benign attitude of the Christopher administration."

Officers of the society said the resolution was planted by Brandhove.

Wolden would say only that Brandhove's name was vaguely familiar to him.

Conspiracy Hint

But Deputy Police Chief Al Welder said Brandhove told police as early as last April that he was associated with the Wolden campaign.

"In view of the fact that there may possibly be more than one person involved in this, and that there may be a conspiracy involved, looking

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toward criminal action, I will submit all this to Chief Call," Nelder said.

"As far as civil action is concerned, that is up to District Attorney Lynch," Nelder added.

Cahill will return tonight from the East Coast, where he attended a police chiefs' convention.

The Mattachine Society has its offices here at 693 Mission St.

JOINED IN AUGUST

Donald Lucas, secretary of the society, said that Brandhove joined the local chapter in August and then went to the national convention of the organization in Denver last month.

Lucas said that Brandhove waited until the final session of the convention before he attempted to get his resolution introduced.

"He said it would be a wonderful goodwill gesture that would accomplish a great deal public relations-wise in San Francisco," Lucas said.

Harold Call, also a member of the society, said he introduced the resolution for Brandhove.

'GOODWILL GESTURE'

Both Call and Lucas said they regarded it as a goodwill gesture and had no idea that it subsequently would be used for political purposes.

Then, two days ago, they saw a notarized reproduction of the resolution in a local "throwaway" neighborhood newspaper, along with the charges against Christopher and Cahill and a lengthy account of asserted freedom enjoyed here by sex deviates.

Lucas said they asked Brandhove about the reproduction of the resolution and the story, and he denied knowing anything about it.

ASKED FOR COPIES

He said they then queried Darlene Armbeck, a notary public who acted as a secretary for the Denver gathering, and she said that Brandhove asked her by telephone to mail him three notarized copies of the resolution.

Society members expressed regret that they had been used for political purposes.

Additional use was made of the resolution by Wolden in a 15 minute broadcast on KNBC Wednesday night. He cited it to back up his charges against the Mayor.

\$1,100,000 SUIT

As a direct result of his broadcast, a \$1,100,000 slander suit was filed in Superior Court late yesterday against Wolden by the Mattachine Society.

The complaint charged that Wolden "did wrongly and maliciously declare and utter certain false and defamatory statements" regarding the society, and that at the

time he did so he "knew that said words were untrue."

Mayor Christopher last night said flatly that the smear was a conspiracy.

'DEGRADED' CITY

"In a blind drive for office my opponent has degraded our city.

Furthermore, I am deeply regretful that his sordid campaign material has been thrown on the doorstep of every home," Christopher said.

Brandhove disappeared yesterday from the Turk St. hotel where he had been living.

A self-styled former Communist, he once was a candidate for the Board of Supervisors.

He was an associate of James Tarantino, convicted extortionist.

In 1949 he was charged with contempt by the old State Senate Un-American Activities Committee for refusing to answer questions.

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'Plant' Revealed In Wolden's Smear Drive



ARTHUR BRANDHOVE

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Praise of Mayor's Policy On Deviates Engineered By Ex-Police Informer

By George Draper

Assessor Russell L. Wolden's plan to inject the issue of homosexuality in the mayoral campaign came apart at the seams yesterday.

He made his muddy charges in a speech on Wednesday. But they boomeranged sadly when it turned out that the whole mess was a plant by a behind-the-scenes operator in the Wolden campaign.

In a radio speech, Wolden claimed San Francisco has become the national headquarters for organized sex deviates.

To support this claim he cited a resolution passed last month in Denver by the Mattachine Society, an organization dealing with the problem of homosexuality.

SLANDER SUIT

(The Society replied with a \$1.1 million slander suit against Wolden. See Page 4.)

The resolution, as made public by Wolden, praised Mayor George Christopher and Police Chief Thomas Cahill for their tolerant attitudes towards sex deviates.

It turned out yesterday, however, that the resolution was planted with the Mattachine Society.

The mysterious figure who worked the resolution through the Society during its Denver convention turned out to be William Patrick Brandhove.

EX-COMMUNIST

Brandhove was once a Communist, later a loud ex-Communist—and built up a long police record during both periods. More recently he has been performing chores for the Wolden campaign since its launching early this year.

He attended the Denver convention as a delegate and served as parliamentarian during business sessions.

The use of the Mattachine Society resolution was branded by Mayor Christopher as "the sorriest event in San Francisco's political history"

"In a blind drive for office

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Wolden's Vice Charge Backfires

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any opponent has degraded the city," Christopher said.

"Under no circumstances would I covet any office so much that I would stoop to maligning somebody," Christopher told a meeting of the First District Democratic League last night in a candidates night speech.

Brandhove told The Chronicle last night that he attended the Denver convention but had absolutely nothing to do with the controversial resolution.

WHY HE JOINED

"I'm not a homosexual but joined the Mattachine Society only to find out about its activities," he said.

Brandhove's continuing interest in the resolution, used as a campaign device by Wolden, was illustrated by the fact he telephoned Denver only ten days ago and ordered some copies of the resolution sent to him in San Francisco.

The copies were forwarded to him by air mail, special delivery and one of these appeared Wednesday in a neighborhood newspaper.

Darlene Armbeck, stenographer and notary public, who sent the copies of the resolution to Brandhove, told The Chronicle these were the only copies which have so far been released.

Brandhove, according to Mattachine Society officials, joined the society last August.

A DELEGATE

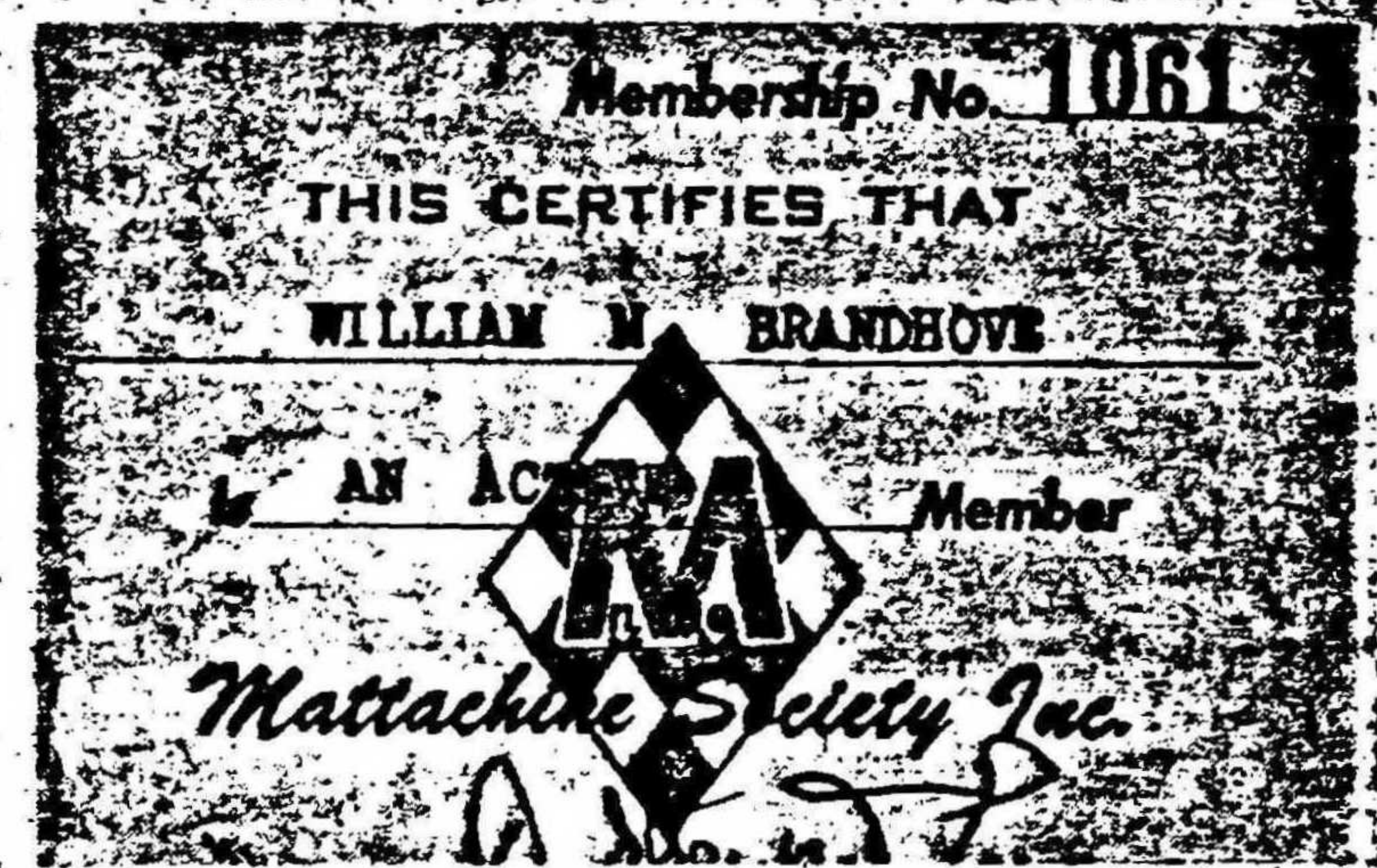
He paid his \$16 dues and attended the convention on September 4 as one of 50 delegates of the tiny organization from some 12 states. In fact, Brandhove was registered at the Albany Hotel in Denver where the convention was held and where most of the delegates stayed.

Harold L. Call, the society's director of publications, said yesterday that Brandhove's room was right next to his.

"Brandhove's room became sort of the headquarters for the San Francisco delegation," said Call.

The evening, said Call, about six members of the society's executive committee met with Brandhove in his room.

At that time, Call said, Brandhove presented a draft



Card issued to Brandhove when he joined the Mattachine Society in August

of the resolution praising Christopher and Cahill.

"We thought it was unacceptable," said Call, "because it was tantamount to a political endorsement of Mayor Christopher and Chief Cahill."

"During the discussion on Brandhove's suggestion, Call said, someone asked Brandhove why he was so interested in having the resolution passed by the convention.

"He told us," said Call, "that he was asked to do it by San Francisco Police Sergeant Ted Dolan and another police officer named Murphy."

POLICE SERGEANT

Sergeant Dolan, assigned to the personnel staff at the police academy, denied he had called Brandhove in Denver to make any such request.

"He called me from Denver and wanted to know if I knew anybody in the Denver police department," Dolan said.

Sergeant Dolan said he was opposed to Christopher four years ago but "I'm staying out of this one."

REWORDED

Call said the executive committee carefully reworded the Brandhove resolution to place greater emphasis on their principles and less upon official personalities.

"This reworded resolution was made because the society sincerely appreciated the honest police administration in San Francisco in con-

trast to that in many cities where homosexuals are black-mailed by the police," said Call.

Members of the Mattachine Society executive committee who heard Brandhove urge acceptance of the resolution included Call, Carl B. Harding, Henry Foster Jr. and Donald Lucas.

HE STARTED IT

Call, Lucas and Foster yesterday gave statements to police saying that Brandhove had, in fact, initiated the idea of the controversial resolution.

Brandhove openly boasted yesterday that he is a Wolden supporter but denied he has ever received any pay from the Wolden camp.

He acted as a host at the opening of the Democratic for Wolden campaign headquarters at 47 Kearny street early last May, he said.

Also, he said, he has talked on behalf of Wolden to all his friends.

WOLDEN AIDE

Brandhove said his attorney is Ralph Taylor, who also happens to be Wolden's campaign treasurer.

Taylor, Brandhove said, was given the copies of the Mattachine Society resolution which Brandhove received from Denver.

"I told him to make sure it's used," Brandhove said.

Taylor had gone hunting yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Brandhove said his survey of sex deviates has been

financed by himself from his savings and his small disability pension.

RULES: Bearer shall have signed the Pledge and subscribed to the Aims and Principles in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Mattachine Society Inc.

Conditions of membership in society, printed on Brandhove's card

Brandhove also said that he paid from his own pocket for the trip to Denver for the Mattachine convention.

Harry Lerner, Wolden's campaign manager, said of Brandhove:

"He was never hired by me to do anything. He was never paid a nickel so far as I was concerned."

Wolden himself could not be reached for comment.

LAST SPRING

Acting Police Chief Al Nelder, who is investigating the Wolden charges, said Brandhove told police last spring that he was associated with the Wolden campaign.

Brandhove's automobile has been plastered with Wolden stickers.

Attorney Emmet Hagerty, chairman of the Democrats for Wolden, said Brandhove volunteered for a job but was turned down.

Brandhove's police record includes at least eight ar-

rests since 1930, when he was picked up in Jersey City, N. J., on a charge of sodomy.

In 1946, he received a six-months suspended sentence for being drunk in a public place.

Brandhove is known to the police and the underworld as an unreliable stool pigeon.

He was most recently in the news in the extortion trial in 1953 of gossip magazine publisher Jimmie Tarantino and bar owner Rudy Eichelbaum.

TARANTINO

Brandhove, who worked as a salesman for Tarantino, then became a stool pigeon against Tarantino for the police.

Then, he gave Tarantino an affidavit repudiating the things he had told the police.

Then, he switched again and repudiated the pro-Tarantino affidavit.

Back in 1948, Brandhove popped into the news in connection with a smear attempt against Congressman William Mailliard.

At that time an affidavit was circulated in which Brandhove admitted being an ex-Communist and claimed—without success—that Mailliard tried to get him to run against Mailliard's opponent, Franck Havenner, and smear Havenner as a radical.

TENNEY COMMITTEE

Brandhove appeared before the old State Un-American Activities Committee headed by Senator Jack Tenney and named a number of people as Reds.

Later, Brandhove became

anti-Tenney and charged the committee used him to smear Havenner when Havenner was running against former Mayor Robinson.

Brandhove refused to answer questions before the Tenney committee at this point and was arrested for contempt.

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Sex in Mayoral Campaign

Vice Charges by Wolden Backfire---Hoax Revealed



WILLIAM BRANDHOVE

He has a long record of changing sides

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[REDACTED] furnished two postcards. The first one, orange in color, bore a map of San Francisco and above the map stated "Christopher's Clean Town" and below the map said, "Black squares indicate approximate location of authenticated homosexual hangouts." The other side of the postcard bore the following:

"An excerpt from the Mattachine Review, October 1959 issue:

"SAN FRANCISCO IS THE CRADLE OF THE YOUNG HOMOSEXUAL MOVEMENTS IN THE U.S."

To help defray expenses in bringing these 'vital truths' to the public, contributions may be sent to:

"WM. [REDACTED]

San Francisco 2."

The second card, which was green in color, bore a caricature of Mayor CHRISTOPHER showing him bound hand and foot with balls and chain, representing the three San Francisco newspapers. In his hand CHRISTOPHER has a paper indicating that his dairy sold \$382,000 worth of milk to the city and the card said "Conflict of Interests?", "Who has the Control?" The other side of this card said:

" 'It's not the ethics, but the illegality of conflict of interests that concerns the public.'"

"MACPHEE was forced to resign! Where is the difference?"

"To help defray expenses in bringing these 'vital truths' to the public, contributions may be sent to:

"WM. P. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] many thousands
of these cards were distributed at the 49-er - Chicago Bear
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[REDACTED] advised that he had been in touch with the Mattachine Society but disagreed with its approach to the problem of homosexuality, which he felt was immoral. He explained that he believed the society was endeavoring to make homosexuality generally accepted.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] professionally advised either the Society or some of its members. Recommendations: File.

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[REDACTED]
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Remy memo 11/14/60.

He mentioned that he had visited the Mattachine Society, SF, on only one occasion and that was at a time when persons there were preparing some sort of brief for a Court. While there the name of [REDACTED] was mentioned as an attorney who was consulted by the Society or its members.

PSI stated he did not recall names of any of the persons whom he met on this occasion.

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All-Male Dance Raided

State agents early yesterday raided an all male party where couples danced to a hi fi set. The agents arrested an amateur bartender for selling liquor without a license.

Booked at City Prison and later released on \$1,050 bail was Athello Bowman, 36, an accountant of 1707 Oak St.

Inspectors Jack Tompkins and Dave Toschi of the police sex detail accompanied the liquor control agents on the raid at a house at 1700 Diamond St. They said it had been rented for the party.

Tompkins said the affair was sponsored by the Mattachine Society, a national organization with headquarters here dedicated to promoting better public understanding of homosexuality.

He said none of the 50 guests was arrested.

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Re FD-71 of SA [REDACTED] 5/15/61. 7C

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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[REDACTED] an organization called League for Civil Education (LCE) had recently been formed to represent homosexuals, but [REDACTED] claimed to have no additional knowledge, but furnished a handbill entitled "Facts About the League for Civil Education," (LCE):

"LCE is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

"LCE was formed to safeguard and protect your civil rights and to keep you informed regarding your civil rights and personal liberties.

"LCE will provide financial aid when your civil rights are violated or threatened.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

(1) Will conduct additional background investigation to further identify [REDACTED]

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(2) Will contact Department of Corporations to determine details of corporate charter for the LCE.

(3) Will maintain contact with the [REDACTED] to determine any additional information relative to the proposed activities of the LCE as pertains to law enforcement.

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San Francisco, California

June 5, 1961

LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION

On May 11, 1961, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was furnished the following information by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] an organization called League for Civil Education (LCE) had recently been formed to represent homosexuals, but [REDACTED] claimed to have no additional knowledge. He furnished, however, a handbill entitled, "Facts About the League for Civil Education," (LCE):

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"LCE will provide financial aid when your civil rights are violated or threatened.

"LCE will provide, without cost, referral services free from all discrimination, in connection with employment, housing and personal counseling.

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"LCE was formed and is operated by people you know. They will work to better your lot in society.

"LCE will be making the rounds of the bars the week of May 7 to May 13 and there will be a mass picnic on Memorial Day. Members of the Board of Directors will be present to complete application blanks and to take your dues.

"LCE has a telephone answering service. Call Sutter 1-2940, give the operator your name, and how to contact you. One of the Board Members will return your call and answer any question you might have.

"UNITED WE STAND--DIVIDED WE FALL."

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**HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IN THE
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION;
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY

The Mattachine Society, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, is a national organization with headquarters in San Francisco. Its published purpose is to promote better understanding and acceptance of homosexuals. San Francisco file 100-37394 pertains to the Society.

The current San Francisco Telephone Directory lists the Society at the above address, telephone EXbrook 7-0773. The Society is not listed in the Oakland Directory.

SA [REDACTED] on April 28, 1961, observed that the building directory in the lobby at 693 Mission Street lists the following: 7C

Mattachine Society, National Headquarters,
Room 308.

Mattachine Society, San Francisco Area Council,
Room 309.

"Mattachine Review," Room 304.

Pan-Graphic Press, Room 305.

Pan-Graphic Advertising, Room 305.

A pretext inquiry by SA [REDACTED] and the
Writer on April 28, 1961 [REDACTED] 7C
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[REDACTED] at the office of the
Society disclosed that at least five rooms are occupied by
the group, and appear to consist of an office, a waiting or

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reading room, and a general office area. The fifth room is a library or sales room, and appeared to be filled with a large quantity of pocket books and other literature dealing with sex. These publications were displayed in a manner indicating that they are sold to the public. Four men were observed in the offices, all obviously homosexuals. Two men were operating a fairly large printing press, and a quantity of mimeographed and printed material was observed in the area. An issue of the "Mattachine Review" was observed on a desk (date of issue not noted), and it would appear that this publication is still being printed.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on November 29, 1960, that he had visited the Society Office in San Francisco at one time, and that the name of [redacted] was mentioned as an attorney who was either consulted by the Society or by individual members (100-37394-51). [redacted]

Los Angeles advised by letter dated May 19, 1959, that a United States Navy source reported in 1958 that the Society was founded and incorporated in California on June 7, 1952, as a secret society with headquarters in Los Angeles, and was composed mainly of sex deviates and homosexuals. On May 11, 1953, the secrecy was dropped (100-37394-41).

Los Angeles letter dated August 23, 1956, disclosed that the Mattachine Society (MS) in January-February 1955 began publication in San Francisco of the "Mattachine Review" (100-37394-33, p. 9). The Christmas 1955 issue of the "Mattachine Review" stated that area newsletters were published by the Area Councils of Los Angeles-Long Beach; Chicago, and San Francisco (100-37394, p. 11 of serial 33).

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the MS was moving its headquarters to San Francisco, due to their sanctuary in San Francisco as a Bohemian city. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that there were Area Councils of the AS in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach, and San Diego, and that 18 chapters operated within the Councils (as subdivisions) (100-37394-33,p. 7).

[redacted] furnished SA [redacted] with two 1954 issues of the San Francisco "Mattachine News-letter," and advised that the San Francisco Area had 34 members (100-37394-19).

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RE: DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

[REDACTED] advised that the Daughters of Bilitis is a companion organization of the Mattachine Society (MS), and would also operate in San Francisco.

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A Los Angeles source in 1956 furnished a booklet which contained an article that stated the first meeting of the Women's Society, now known as the Daughters of Bilitis, was held in San Francisco on September 21, 1955. Eight charter members formed the group, and it was dedicated to a program of bringing understanding to and about the Lesbian. It met twice a month thereafter, and the total attendance was 183 in the following twenty meetings. This was the only chapter then in existence (100-37394-38).

The current (September 1960) San Francisco Telephone Directory lists the Daughters of Bilitis at 165 O'Farrell Street, telephone YUkon 2-9290. The Writer observed on April 28, 1961, that the building directory at that location does not list the group.

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The Pacific Telephone Information Operator advised the Writer on May 1, 1961, that YUkon 2-9290 had been changed to UNderhill 3-8196.

[REDACTED] that UNderhill 3-8196 is the number of the Daughters of Bilitis, 1232 Market Street, Suite 108, San Francisco.

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"ONE"

As of April 1957, "ONE" was a homosexual magazine published by ONE, INC., 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles. This magazine was incorporated in California as of June 1, 1953 (100-37394-33, p. 2, 38).

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"CLOAK & DAGGER"

On May 26, 1961, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] while engaging in a surveillance concerning a security matter, observed that the "Cloak & Dagger," 1224 Polk Street, San Francisco, is a retail store dealing in "custom leather work." Several obvious homosexual males were observed to enter the store during a short period of time. Agents observed that various items of leather clothing were displayed in the store windows, and concluded that the store catered to a masochistic clientele.

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[REDACTED] he is well acquainted
with the Mattachine Society [REDACTED]

He observed that, in addition to the "Mattachine
Review," the Mattachine Society apparently acts as a legal
referral agency to homosexuals involved in various legal
problems.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] are not in a position to become aware of any political sympathies on the part of homosexuals, and that he has had no indication of pro-communist or pro-Soviet activity by homosexuals, possibly in view of the numerous other problems with which homosexuals are concerned.

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LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION
(94-1001)

[REDACTED]

This organization proposes to provide legal assistance to homosexuals, and data contained in [REDACTED] regarding the League and [REDACTED] is set forth in 94-1001.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a 62-New file be opened regarding "HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IN THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION," as of possible value in coordinating information coming to the attention of this office regarding homosexual activity, in view of the possible value in future criminal and security investigations.

SAC (94-843)

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SA [REDACTED] 7C

**HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES
IN SAN FRANCISCO**

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Mattachine Society, were interviewed at their offices at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. During the course of conversation with these individuals, [REDACTED] produced a copy of the Hearings Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee of the Judiciary United States Senate, Eighty-Seventh Congress, First Session. This hearing report is entitled, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee". [REDACTED]

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A copy of the above-described Senate Hearing is being designated for the San Francisco file entitled FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, file number 97-347.

[redacted] advised that on the evening of 7/24/61, [redacted] is sponsoring a public meeting in the public assembly room in the San Francisco Public Library. The matter for discussion will be the California Disorderly Conduct Statute.

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[REDACTED] further advised that the Mattachine Society had recently undergone a reorganization. They have eliminated the various previously authorized chapters throughout the United States and that there is but one organization, namely, in existence and that its national headquarters are 693 Mission Street, San Francisco. He pointed out that in several instances where the chapter had been disbanded in another city they have formed clubs, but these clubs have no status like the national organization.

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[REDACTED] stated that there is being formulated a TV hour long program to be broadcast sometime in September, 1961, from Channel 9, KQED. The topic for discussion will be Homosexuals.

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[REDACTED] The date for this program has not yet been fixed.

Vice Case to Test Public 'Tolerance'

The weekend raid on the Tay-Bush, one of San Francisco's wide open "gay" spots, has become the focal point for an attempt to gain public tolerance toward homosexuals.

The Mattachine Society, a national organization dedicated to public education of the problems of homosexuality, has thrown its support behind the 98 persons facing charges in connection with the raid early Sunday morning. The Examiner learned yesterday.

In addition, other established "gay" places throughout the country have offered aid in a fight for the right of sexual deviates to meet in public without "persecution" by police.

103 ARRESTED

The police raid on the after hours cafe at Bush and Taylor Sts., resulted in 103 arrests, including 14 women.

All appeared for arraignment on misdemeanor charges in Municipal Court here yesterday. Five won dismissals on the plea that they were strangers from the East without prior knowledge of the character of the place.

The others either entered not guilty pleas or asked for time to consult with their attorneys. Trial dates will be set Friday for the former.

Those yet to plead will return to court Aug. 22.

Robert Johnson, 27, proprietor of the Tay-Bush, was arraigned on three alleged violations of State, police and health codes. He pleaded not guilty.

Johnson acknowledged out of court that his place, a club open from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m., was recognized as a gathering spot for homosexuals.

"But that doesn't make it a 'disorderly place,'" he said. His position was that deviates have the same rights to meet publicly as any other persons.

AIDS PATRON

He denied the arresting officers' allegations that men were dancing together or kissing. He said the place was so jammed that it was impossible to move about without a certain amount of body contact.

Johnson arranged bail for many of his customers and provided legal counsel for those who desired it.

The Mattachine Society, whose headquarters is in San Francisco, arranged for an

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Vice Case A Test of 'Tolerance'

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torney to represent the group and agreed to act as "custodian" for a defense fund to help fight the case.

Harold L. Call, a society officer, said the society has also agreed to take care of the cost of printing briefs in the event the defendants are convicted and must appeal to a higher court.

FACE LONG FIGHT

"We are prepared to fight this through the courts," he said. "It must be determined through legal process whether these actions (by police) are not a violation of basic civil rights."

The Mattachine Society has a national membership of only 250 persons, but another 750 give active support to the organization.

It's basic tenet is set forth in the preamble to the society's constitution:

"That all mankind may live without fear and prejudice regardless of their sexual orientation."

BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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Field Division

11/8/56

Date

Title and Character of Case: THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC., aka
The Mattachine Society
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Date Property Acquired: 10/24/56

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(identified as such on second page).
5. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated 10/26/53.
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7. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated 1/21/54.
8. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated 2/14/54.
9. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated 3/20/54.
10. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated 4/15/54.
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26. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated July 1955.
27. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated August 1955.
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29. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Oct. 1955.
30. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Nov. 1955.
31. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Dec. 1955.
32. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Jan. 1956.
33. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Feb. 1956.

34. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Mar. 1956.
35. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Apr. 1956.
36. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated June 1956.
37. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated July 1956.
38. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated Aug. 1956.
39. "Mattachine Review" dated January-February 1955.
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48. "Mattachine Review" dated June 1956.
49. "Mattachine Review" dated August 1956.
50. October 1956 issue of "The Ladder," published monthly in San Francisco, California, by the Daughters of Bilitis.
51. Leaflet captioned, "In Case You Didn't Know," by the "Mattachine Review," 693 Mission Street, Room 312, San Francisco 5, California.

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SUBJECT: Mattachine Society

FILE: San Francisco 100-37394

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394)

DATE: 11/28/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 7C

SUBJECT: MATTOCHINE FOUNDATION
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[REDACTED] on 11/17/61 orally advised the writer that RICHARD GLADSTEIN has recently been made attorney for the Mattochine Foundation. 3C 7D

RECOMMENDATION: Submitted for information purposes only.

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HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES

On 1/17/62, the writer attended a meeting of the East Bay Intelligence Group at the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, Alameda County, California, in the capacity of an observer. This meeting was addressed by a speaker from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Unit who furnished background information concerning the operations of the Mattachine Society and the "League for Civil Education," a California corporation having offices at 1154 Kearney Street, San Francisco.

Concerning the Mattachine Society which has offices at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, the ABC representative stated that this organization has financial difficulties for approximately \$6,000 in debt and that the operations of this organization have almost been discontinued except for the publishing of the "Mattachine Review." He identified HAROLD HALL as the leader of this organization.

The ABC representative also spoke on the operations and organizational structure of the "League for Civil Education" which he described as a militant organization which is fighting the vagrancy laws and is endeavoring to do everything it can to discredit law enforcement. He identified the key people of this organization as JOSE J. SARRIA, organizer, who was formerly a candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, GUY STRAIT, President, SOL STOUEN, owner of the Black Cat Bar, San Francisco. A Mr. ANDERSON and a Mrs. MAC ADAMS are members of the Board of Directors.

The attorneys for this organization are ED STERN from the firm of Marvin & Lewis Attorneys and HAL LYONS, who was formerly associated with the Lowenthal Law Firm.

The first known meeting of the "League for Civil Education" was held on 3/21/61, at 90 Market Street, San Francisco. The editor of the LCE news is GUY STRAIT and the associated editors of this publication are D. ANDRETTA and W. NELSON.

Additional comments by the ABC representative are being quoted as follows:

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"The L.C.E. conducted it's first membership drives by holding scheduled meetings in the 'homo'bars in S.F. during the spring of 1961. Serrias and others visited the bars, outlined the purposes of the LCE, pointed out to the fruits that they could exert political pressure if they organized; and then solicited memberships (at that time they were screening applicants). This investigator attended one of the meetings at the Polk Gulch in April, 1961. The L.C.E. then held public meetings at the main library in S.F. during the summer of 1961. Strait conducted the meetings. At one meeting Ed Stern and Lyons gave legal advice as to how they (fruits) should conduct themselves in their relations with law enforcement - main attention to 'rights.' One of these meetings was attended by this investigator.

"There appears to be no connection between LCE and Mattachine.

"Homos appear to be afraid to join - fear that law enforcement and employers will obtain membership list.

"Comments at meetings and comments in L.C.E. news tend to indicate that LCE is going to continue to attack law enforcement agencies, law enforcement methods, legislation aimed at coping with the sexual deviate, and any officers that are engaged in the investigation of homos or homo premises."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 8/16/62

FROM : SUPV. [REDACTED] 7C

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY

The Mattachine Society is supposed to begin its annual convention at the Jack Tar Hotel on 8/25/62.

At the Weekly Intelligence Conference on 8/14/62, the Air Force distributed a memorandum concerning this conference. OSI pointed out that from information available to it the Mattachine Society has been trying to establish the fact, legally and otherwise, that there is nothing wrong with homosexuals and that they are not security risks, either in the military, in the Government service, or working for classified contractors.

According to information available to OSI, at their convention they are planning to make an issue of the fact that the U. S. Government, and especially the military services, consider homosexuality such a fatal defect in character that homosexuals are dismissed from their positions as security risks. Consequently, according to OSI, in addition to taking this stand, the Society plans to make the point that homosexuals are no more security risks than are Generals and other officers who take foreign prostitutes as their mistresses when they are serving overseas. Allegedly, they plan to expose several general officers' unsavory acts, and allegedly are equipped with photographs or recordings.

The Air Force, as well as the other Armed Forces, requested this office to find out as much as possible about (1) the plans for proceedings of this nature at the convention, and (2) what actually takes place at the convention.

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SA ██████

Contact your ██████ immediately, determine the plans for the convention and submit a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and the above military agencies. If SA ██████ is unable to make this contact, it should be handled by SA ██████

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7D Contact ██████ and obtain as much information as possible along the same line.

Contact homosexual informants and attempt to obtain coverage at the convention itself, as well as coverage concerning the plans for the convention.

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Contact his informants to determine what will take place at the convention and also attempt to obtain coverage at the convention itself.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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Referenced communication also referred to possible homosexual activities on the part of [REDACTED] **7C**
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Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished to OSI, DIO, and the U.S. Marine Corps. A copy was not disseminated to the local INTC because [REDACTED] has already made the information available to that agency. **7C**
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Civic Center
San Francisco 2, California
September 10, 1962

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Sixth U. S. Army Headquarters
Presidio of San Francisco
San Francisco, California

RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

For your additional information, there is attached a copy of a letterhead memorandum regarding [REDACTED] prepared by the Honolulu Office of the FBI and dated September 4, 1962. 7C

FBI, Honolulu, advises that Army, Navy and Air Force in Honolulu are cognizant of the information in the attached letterhead memorandum.

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Very truly yours,

FRANK L. PRICE
Special Agent in Charge

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SF 100-37394

San Francisco, California
August 21, 1962

District Intelligence Officer
Twelfth Naval District
P. O. Box 3433 Rincon Annex
San Francisco, California

RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is letterhead memorandum concerning captioned organization for the information of your office.

Very truly yours,

FRANK L. PRICE
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California

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August 21, 1962

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

The following information has been received from
a source which has furnished reliable information in the past;

This organization has offices at 693 Mission Street,
San Francisco 5, California.

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TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 8/21/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 7C

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC. 7C

Rememo Supv. [REDACTED] 8/16/62.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] furnished information to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which is incorporated in letterhead memorandum dated 8/21/62, which memorandum was disseminated to G-2, DIO and OSI locally. 7C 7D

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MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

This organization has offices at 692 Mission Street,
San Francisco 5, California.

This organization has offices at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California.

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[REDACTED] A copy of "Matachine Review" in the possession of
[REDACTED] reflected on the back page an announcement of the
9th Annual Convention. [REDACTED]

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (94-843)

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HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on 11/16/62 in substance as follows:

At their recent program sponsored by the organization and held at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, the attendance averaged approximately 100 persons.

[REDACTED] This was the eighth such meeting that they have sponsored. Concerning the address made at that meeting by one of the speakers, RICHARD SCHLEGEL, the full text of this address was presented in the November issue of the "Matachine Review". Three copies of this issue were provided by [REDACTED] and have been exhibited in San Francisco file 100-37394.

It is considered that possibly the Army G-2 and the Navy VIO may be desirous of receiving copies since the Army was particularly interested in the speech of SCHLEGEL prior to the time it was delivered. It is to be noted that it was the understanding of this office that the Army intelligence had received information that SCHLEGEL was allegedly in possession of information concerning homosexual activities currently being practiced in the Army and that he would bring this information to light in his speech. Apparently he did not specifically mention any such current activities.

Reference is made to the article in the San Francisco News-Call Bulletin, a daily newspaper published in San Francisco, of Friday, November 16, 1962 by Columnist ARTHUR CAYLOR. The column is headlined "A Poll of Limp Wrists". The following is the verbatim copy of that portion of the article which relates to this matter. The entire clipping has been exhibited in 94-843.

Members of "The Community" were urged to demonstrate their numbers and political strength by quietly using the Prohibition Party as a guinea pig. The theory - advanced by the League for

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Civil Education - was that if they all voted for that party's candidate for state treasurer, the bulge in his vote would show "how many there are."

Statewide, this candidate got 106,889 votes - a lot more than the 2142 he received at the primary. In San Francisco he got 6018 votes - at the primary 12.

Where mathematics are involved, I was never much good at figuring things out. So I don't know how much these figures should scare you. The limp-wrist population was an "issue" in the CHRISTOPHER - WOLDEN race for mayor - remember? - but nobody seemed able to care less.

If you're interested in further figuring, the Prohibition candidate for governor got 69,724 votes, and the candidate for controller got 116,760 - without being made a key part of the census scheme. Four years ago a Prohibition candidate for secretary of state rolled up 129,140 votes after getting only 1530 votes at the primary. Would anybody care to join me in a state of confusion?

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7D the term "The Community" mentioned in the above article as referring to homosexuals as a group. He identified the League for Civil Education mentioned in said article as being a group in San Francisco headed by GUY STRAIT. This group publishes a small monthly newspaper. It was this group who locally sponsored this alleged poll. He pointed out that on at least two previous occasions, a similar attempt was made to use the public elections to take a poll of the number of homosexuals in this state of California. In referring to the above column and also having in mind the previous attempts along this line, this method was entirely inaccurate and wholly inconclusive for the following reasons:

1. Homosexuals generally fail to reside in one voting district long enough to qualify as a voter.
2. Homosexuals as a group are not interested in elections generally or in a determination of their numbers.
3. Due to their psychological makeup, having an innate fear of exposure, as a group would not vote in accordance with the plan as outlined in the article.

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4. Those homosexuals who are interested in political affairs would vote their political convictions rather than vote in accordance with the proposed poll.

DIRECTOR, FBI

12/6/62

SAC, SEATTLE (100-22500)(RUC)

MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, aka
Mattachine Society
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Reference is made to San Francisco report in this matter dated 7/14/53, and Seattle report dated 8/19/53. Both reports are given the character of INTERNAL SECURITY - C; but because of the fact that evidence of the existence of subversive activity, etc., appears to be almost totally lacking, this particular letter is being characterized as "INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The Armed Forces Police in Seattle have recently reported to this office that they have arrested a deserter

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reported that the MATTACHINE SOCIETY is extremely active in its efforts to organize homosexuals. He said that the main office of the organization is in San Francisco and that it has branch offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Phoenix, Tampa, Washington, D. C., and is trying to establish one in Seattle. He said that the primary purpose of the organization is to "unify the homosexual population." He said that they set up travel trip contacts in various cities; issue membership cards; and hold meetings to discuss homosexual problems. He said that the organization is participated in mainly by homosexuals who cannot afford adverse publicity and are very frequently people in the teaching profession, etc. He estimated that there are over 15,000,000 active homosexuals in the United States and that there are 150,000 to 200,000 homosexuals in California who are organized. In California, he says they believe that they actually had an effect on the voting in the state and helped elect Governor BROWN.

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A Rights Program for Homosexuals

Homosexuals must follow the course of other minorities if they are ever to attain social equality in America, an audience of 200 was told yesterday at the tenth annual conference of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

Efforts to change public opinion and laws adversely affecting the homosexual must be made in the same way the Negro is attempting to achieve equality—through a program of political action.

"An active program, conducted with dignity and discretion, is the most direct way toward a mutual understanding between society and the sexual variant," W. E. Dane Mohler Jr. told the convention.

Mohler, a law clerk who is chairman of the Los Angeles Mattachine Society, Inc., was among a panel of six specialists in the field of sexology who addressed the conference held at The Backstage, a theater-restaurant at Bay and Mason streets.

Other speakers included Ted McIlvenna, a San Francisco research sociologist; Dr. Harry Benjamin of New York; attorney Frank C. Wood Jr. of Los Angeles; and authors Gavin Arthur of San Francisco and Wallace de Ortega Maxey of Fresno.

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Birth control

Mattachine president talks on homosexual and society

Janet Russo

Hal Call, president of the Mattachine Society, spoke last week as a guest of the Psychology Forum on the question of male homosexuality.

The Mattachine Society, located at 348 Ellis St., concerns itself with human sex problems, and in particular homosexuality. Counseling service is offered to sexual deviants having problems with jobs, the draft, the law, their own guilt problems. Call said that his organization encourages each individual to achieve his own sexual identity.

On the question of homosexuality, Call said that it might be one of nature's whims of birth-control. He said that one out of 10 adults are homosexuals. He further added that there always has been and always will be a great variety of sexual expression in societies.

Call feels that homosexuality is no disease. "There is no need to seek cure."

The problem lies instead in society. Call feels that society should say, "Laws, taboos, be damned."

He pointed out that people

have established a taboo on promiscuity perhaps because "They were jealous of someone getting more than they were."

With respect to why people are homosexuals, Call said that "it is hard to pin down causes." He explained that some psychiatrists believe that it is biologically caused; that one's genetic constitution causes one to become a homosexual.

Others feel that a person embraces homosexuality not so much as an attraction to the same sex, but rather because of a fear of the opposite gender, Call said. He added that such fears are implanted early in children by parents who say to their son or daughter, "Don't play with that person. He (or she) will get you into trouble."

Call said that if people were not instilled with taboos, most

would be bi-sexual. However, most people's predominant orientation would be towards heterosexuality.

Call also had words of praise for the S.F. police department. He said that there has been a remarkable change in their attitudes towards homosexuals. He said that policemen no longer peek in bus depot's bathrooms searching for lascivious activities. Moreover, one can now see between the streets of Taylor and Jones "guys in drag talking to cops," he said.

He said that "we can thank God for the hippies, yippies, and draft card burners for taking the cops' eyes off the homosexual."

Lastly, Call advised homosexuals to evade the draft. He said that this is better than going in, being discovered, and then kicked out in disgrace.

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